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**MEMORANDUM FOR :** Special Assistant to the Director  
for Planning and Development

**THROUGH :** Deputy Director, DPS/DCI  
Director of Administration, DPS/DCI

**SUBJECT :** Wilfred J. McNeil  
Assistant Secretary of Defense, Comptroller  
(CORONA Briefing)

1. In accord with our discussion on 25 June, I met with Mr. Wilfred J. McNeil, Assistant Secretary of Defense, Comptroller, at his office on the same date. Also present were Mr. Lyle S. Garlock, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, Financial Management, and Mr. Lawrence Gise, who is handling financial matters for ARPA at present. I delivered your memorandum to Mr. Roy Johnson concerning CORONA costs to Mr. Gise prior to the conference.

2. The discussion included my giving Mr. McNeil a general briefing on the Department of Defense/Agency sponsorship of CORONA, its equipment, and mission. A review of the problems of funding the program was outlined by Messrs. Gise and Garlock.

3. Mr. McNeil was most receptive and gracious, and he agreed to implement proposals advanced by Mr. Garlock dealing with the transfer of funds from the Air Force budget to ARPA to cover certain immediate costs. Mr. Gise was asked by Mr. McNeil to prepare documents setting this in motion and to also outline the additional steps necessary to cover the entire program expense.

4. Mr. Garlock raised the question of explaining this transfer of funds to the Bureau of the Budget and asked whether a Budget representative was cleared for the program. I

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explained that, though we do not have such an official cleared at this time, we have kept several Budget officials apprised of our special project activities, and we most assuredly could make them privy to the CORONA program should this prove necessary. Mr. Garlock will contact us if this support is required.

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